

amendment. The said bill was then read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

The clerk of the senate returned the resolution relative to the records of certain papers and proceedings in the court of chancery, endorsed, "assented to." Ordered, that the said resolution be engrossed.

And delivered a bill, originated in, and passed by the senate, entitled, An act for the relief of Washington Lucas, of Washington county; which was read by its title, and referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Yates, Walgamot and Rentsch.

On motion by Mr. Mercer, the house proceeded to consider the bill reported by him, entitled, An act to authorise the building of a bridge across the Sassafras river from Water street, adjoining lot No. 26, in Frederick town, in Cecil county, to James Mitchell's wharf, adjoining the public landing in George town, in Kent county, and it was read the second time, when, Mr. Boon moved to strike out the last section of the bill, which is as follows:

Sec. 7. And be it enacted, That from and after the completion of the said bridge, it shall not be lawful to keep up a public ferry from George-town in Kent county, to Frederick-town in Cecil county, except only whilst the said bridge may be under repair, or cannot be fully used and enjoyed for the purpose for which it was erected.

And the question thereon being taken, Will the house agree to strike out the section as proposed? It was determined in the negative.

The question was then put, Shall the said bill pass? It was resolved in the affirmative, and the bill sent to the senate for concurrence.

The hour having arrived for taking up the orders of the day,

On motion by Mr. Semmes, the house again resolved itself into a committee of the whole house on the unfinished business of yesterday, in relation to the bill, entitled, An act to regulate sales by public auction, and; after some time spent therein, the speaker resumed the chair; when Mr. Lee, the chairman, reported the said bill with sundry other amendments adopted by the committee, and proposed to the house. The amendments proposed were subsequently read, and severally concurred in by the house.

In the progress of the reading of said bill,

Mr. Thomas, of Cecil, moved further to amend the same, by striking out from the first section, the words, "and in all cases where the auctioneer or the owner of such goods so exposed to sale, or any person employed by them, or either of them, shall be the highest bidder. the said goods, wares, merchandises or effects, shall be subject to the payment of the same duties as if they had been sold to any other person," for the purpose of inserting in lieu thereof, the following: "provided nevertheless, that in all cases where the owner or owners of such goods, wares, merchandises and effects, shall be the highest bidder, that the